

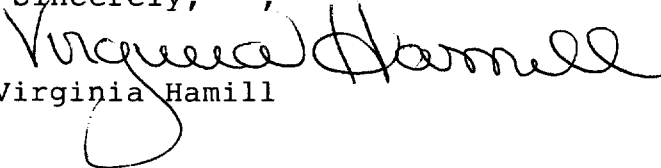
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I am greatly concerned about the safety of our food supply, both now and in the future. The health challenges of eating hormone fed and genetically altered food is bad enough in the short term, but the possible consequences over the long term are simply mind blowing. The effort to irradiate our food is so wrong headed and backward, as well as totally profit motivated. Instead of cleaning up the mess at the source, in particular the inhumane way food animals are raised in confinement and the cruel and unsanitary way they are slaughtered, you then plan on irradiating the mess at the end. It makes no sense. It should be cleaned up where food is grown and raised. I strongly object to the irradiation of any of our food. Also labeling is a must of genetically altered and any other way food is altered from its natural state.

Sincerely,

  
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